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AREA CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

We are so lucky to have National Office eager to assist us in our development drive. We also have a National Council delegate, in the person of Rev. Dr. James Fatuse, to assist and help us overcome obstacles in our way. It is also encouraging to see the plans and vision that SAHQ has for the Cape Eastern Area. How much of his time that the National Chief Executive has and will devote to our Area.

We, in the Cape Eastern Area, have a challenge, therefore, to commit selflessly to our scouting effort, both individually and with those we are working. Let us tackle, as true scouts, what we have undertaken within the movement.

Plans are afoot to open a second office for our Area in East London. This office will be centrally situated, particularly in the development field, to serve the Central Region and to those to North and East of it. The Port Elizabeth office will remain the Scout Shop and office, but will supply East London office with Uniform and badges etc. Also in the pipeline is the employment of a full time project officer. In a report I have received from SAHQ, more that 40 people have responded to the advertisements in local newspapers. This project will be run from the office in East London and not from the field as we had anticipated. All Leaders are urged to meet with Luke, our Chief Executive when he visits our Area, where he will shed more light on the project.

As we know, our job in scouting is to groom young girls and boys to be better adults and citizens. The Scout Promise and Law are not only to be recited by the youth, but they must be part of their everyday life. We the adults must make this Promise and Law a part of our lives at all times. The adults in scouting at present, cannot hope to do justice to this great movement on our own, we must develop and grow to give what we have in scouting to so many more of the children out there.

Enjoy the year ahead! Let's put more energy into our job! Let's take Scouting to higher levels with the resources we now have. Remember your commitment you made at the Workshop held at the end of last year.

Nosidima Ndlovu – Area Chairperson.

AWARDS FROM THE PROVINCE

Mr Nkwali, Deputy Director, Department of Sport & Recreation, Eastern Cape, has received twenty seven nominations for Provincial Awards to Scout Leaders of this Area. The awards will be presented in Umthatha on the 19 March 2005. Transport to and home from the function will be provided by the Department. It's encouraging to note that our Province appreciates the time and effort put in by our scouting leaders.

AREA SCOUT AWARDS - 2005

Area awards presented at the well attended B-P Dinner in Port Elizabeth, on Saturday 19th February were to:

Mr Arnold Witte –

Area Finance Chairman – Lay Certificate of Merit

Mrs Beatrice Hashe –

Area Office Employee – 30 year Long Service Medal.

It was announced that the Silver Springbok Award had been conferred on **Colin Stretton**, which would be presented to him by the Chief Scout, at the National Council Dinner, on 12th March, in Gauteng.

Other awards made within the Area: Chief Scout's Commendation - to **Nomvuyo Mkehle** of 1st Snomonde Group and **Daddy Joe Pali** of St Thomas Group.

Congratulations!



Colin Stretton after the presentation of the Silver Springbok Award by the Chief Scout.

CALENDAR

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| 19 February | – B-P Supper & Award Presentations |
| 26/27 February | – Tutor Course Port Elizabeth |
| 5 March | – Scout Komtiki (W) |
| 17 March | – Seeonee (W) |
| 19/20 March | – 100km Walk (W)
Skills Course (C) |
| 23/24 March | – Skills Course (EGK) |
| 26/27 March | – Skills Course (E) |
| 8/10 April | – IAL Course (SE) |
| 9/10 April | – IAL (E) |
| 9 April | – Campfire Leaders Course |
| 17 April | – St George's Service (W) |
| 17 April | – Cub Soccer (W) |
| 22/24 April | – Lion Cub Camp (W) |
| 23 April | – Area Scout Council East London |
| 29/30 April 1 May | – Area Guide/Scout Camp |

SCOUT KONTIKI – 2005

On the beautiful Saturday of 5th March, 19 rafts were built and floated on the North End Lake, Port Elizabeth. The Kontiki took the form of a rally, where each of the raft crews visited 7 buoys on the lake, each representing a country where they had to note particulars on a map supplied, to prove that they had visited all seven before returning to the start. Unfortunately, some of the sodden maps and some of the rafts did not last the pace and the efficient "rescue" craft were soon in demand.

WINNERS: Two Man – 1st Cotswold Troop, who also won the overall – King of the Lake Trophy. Four Man –

St Columbas Troop. The Ship Wreck Trophy ended up with Seagulls of Algoa Sea Scout Troop. Outsiders Trophy – Fathers of Cotswold Group – a certain Sea Scout Leader tried his best to sabotage their effort but was unsuccessful.

Below:

Raring to go!! On their way. Winners of the 2 man raft and overall King of the Lake for completing the task first. Winners, 4 man raft, Shipwreck Trophy winners, Fathers from 1st Cotswold.



SCOUT KONTIKI - 2005

“ALGOA ANCHOR NEWS” RECEIVES THE H.V. MARSH AWARD - 2004

Editor, **Lizbet Demeyer** of Algoa Sea Scout Group – Port Elizabeth, has been advised that her Scout Magazine has been awarded the H.V. Marsh Kudu Horn Trophy, for the second year running, as the best Scout Group information magazine in the entire country. Congratulations to Lizbet and all involved in producing this regular, top rate publication.

NEW CHIEF SCOUT ELECTED

At the National Council on 13th March 2005, **Reverend Vukile C Mehana** was unanimously elected to the office of Chief Scout of South Africa. Rev. Mehana will be inaugurated as Chief Scout on 18th June, in Cape Town, and will assume office on 1st July 2005.

Rev. Mehana has very successfully executed the office of SASA Chairman for a number of years, working closely with our immediate past Chief Scout, Nkwenkwe Nkomo, who has accepted a post on the World Scout Council and will deal with African Scouting affairs.

AREA FINANCES

Area Finance coffers are empty! This was revealed at the Area Scout Council Meeting in early February. This should not be – every Group in the Area is liable to pay their affiliation/membership fees. If your Group has not done so, then, technically, that Group is not registered within the Movement and unable to use the Area shop or take part in the Area or Regional activities. Leaders are urgently asked to investigate with their committees why their levy has not paid and rectify the matter. To those Groups who have paid up-to-date, "Thank You"!

CUB AND SCOUT STAR AWARDS

National expects EVERY Pack and Troop to be evaluated for the Pack – Patrol – Troop Star Award. Assessment forms are available through Area HQ to check how your unit is faring. Work with the Cub and Scout Programme people to make sure you have been assessed for 2005. First assessment is to be done by 31 May and the final assessment to be handed in to Area HQ by the end of November 2005. Even "Development" units can be evaluated by using a special form devised for their situation.

CUB RESOURCE MATERIAL

The Cub Training Aids which were presented at Pow-Wow by Carol Olive are now available through our Scout Shop. Cost has been kept to a minimum for these tough, long-lasting aids. Order forms are available from Area Cub Programme Comm. – Veronica Davies.

CUB NATIONAL CHALLENGE – 2005

All Packs are encouraged to participate in this years Cub Challenge. Sponsored by The Scout Foundation, all certificates and badges are presented at no cost. The challenge is based on "Kids helping Kids".

CUB PROGRAMME

Each Area has been tasked to look at the present Cub Programme, which is felt contains a large number of requirements that are similar to what is being taught at school. It is imperative that all active Pack leaders take part in a workshop which needs to be completed by the end of May and the results forwarded to National. In the meantime, make notes of your ideas to make the programme more interesting and ACTIVE!

SURVIVOR ST COLUMBA'S II

10 Scouts, 3 days and there was could only be ONE Survivor!

In the December holidays 10 Scouts (Survivors) from St. Columba's had the adventure of their lives during the 2nd Survivor held by the troop in a three day extravaganza. Just like the real Survivor there was action galore with catapults, cricket eating, buried treasure, much breaking of plates and some fire thrown in for good measure!

This Survivor had a Pirate theme and was held on a stunning river near the Groendal Mountains. The Survivors were given hardly any equipment and had to compete in Challenges to earn 'dollars' so as to buy equipment to build a campsite. The Tribe that built the best campsite and won the most challenges would win Survivor 2.



Survivors getting to grips with the Fire Challenge

The only difference between the TV Survivor and St. Columba's was that there was no voting out of the Survivors. However, this did not stop a Tribal Council being held to choose who was the Ultimate Survivor! The winner of this was Brent Shaw. He receives a cheque of

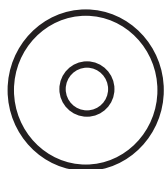
a million St. Columba Dollars (rumoured to still be in the post somewhere)!

Also, congratulations to Sean Correy who managed to get the worst sunburn/tan line ever seen!

Ultimately, all the Survivors enjoyed Survivor 2 immensely. It was a well planned and well-executed event thanks to the Scouters, Scouts and of course the Parents.

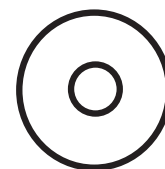


Hazards of volunteering! Volunteers at the Q&A Challenge



GONE HOME

TWO PAST CHIEF SCOUTS



Carveth Geach –

Chief Scout of South Africa 1969 – 1973

Colin Inglis –

Chief Scout of South Africa 1977 – 1985

Two past Chief Scouts have gone home within a month or so of each other. Both men were most dynamic Chief

Scouts and continued their full interest in the movement right up to the time of their deaths. Everyone that had any contact with either man will realise the double loss of their brilliant minds that Scouting has had. We send our sincere condolences to their respective families.

REGIONAL NEWS

UGIE – MACLEAR DISTRICT CAMP

Five School Troops were involved in the three day camp at Khulanathi Educational Centre in Ugie. The troops were Umthawelanga – Mbidlana – Ugie-High – K.K. Ngqase – Sibabale, under the guidance of Leaders Mr T. Batyo, Mrs L. Funani and Mr P. Vakalisa. The programme was active, using the facilities at the Educational Centre.



The Troops marching to the Opening Flagbreak of the Camp. Some of the facilities at Khulanathi Educational Centre can be seen.



Scout Bongo Ndzutha taking advantage of the Absailing Base at the camp.

GUIDE & SCOUT JAMBORALLY – EAST LONDON

Thanks to Provincial funding, a Jamborally will be held near East London. Two hundred Guides and two Hundred Scouts will enjoy four days camping and participation in activities over the 29th April until 1st May 2005. The parents of Guides and Scouts chosen to attend the Jamborally, will be required to complete a Consent and Indemnity form for their child to participate. Transport to and from East London and food while at camp will be provided from the funding.

NEW SCOUT TRAIL

The up-to-date **SCOUT TRAIL** is now available at your Area Head Quarters. This well illustrated and comprehensive publication should be part of every Patrol Library.

There is no excuse for your scouts to not make progress –

from Membership, all the way through to the Springbok/Top Award, the

requirements are fully laid out in this book. The first printing has been sponsored, so if you are quick and snap one up, you can get your copy at a very reduced cost.



TROOP LEADERS HANDBOOK – How can any Troop Leader operate without a copy of this publication? It contains everything you need to know on how to run an efficient, progressive troop.

Also available at Scout Shop at a reduced cost.

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